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TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Friday, November 2, 2007

1400 W. Washington, Ste. 235
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Regular Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairperson Paul at 7:45 a.m. on Friday, November 2, 2007. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Participating by Telephone

Miki Paul, Ph.D. – Chairperson
Maryann Santos de Barona, Ph.D. – Secretary
Gary D. Lovejoy, Ph.D. – Vice-Chairperson
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Staff Present

Sonja M. Bolf, Executive Director
Meghan B. Hinckley, Deputy Director

Board Members Not Participating

Melissa Del-Colle
Joseph C. Donaldson

3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF APPLICANTS

➤ Requesting Examination

Dr. Santos de Barona made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, and carried (7-0), that the following applicants, having met the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071 and A.A.C. R4-26-203, be approved to sit for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP):

- **Schoenbauer, Natalie Psy.D.**
- **Trujillo, Magda, Psy.D.**

➤ **Requesting Examination & Licensure**

Dr. Santos de Barona made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, and unanimously carried (7-0), that the following applicants, having met the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071, be approved to sit for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), and receive licensure upon obtaining a passing score on the EPPP and paying the prorated license fee:

- **Huggins, Nicole, Psy.D.**
- **Johnston, Christine, Psy.D.**
- **Lomay, Vicky, Ph.D.**
- **Mobley, William, Ph.D.**
- **Pellowe, Maura, Ph.D.**

➤ **Requesting Licensure following Completion of Post-Doc**

Dr. Santos de Barona made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, and unanimously carried (7-0), that the following applicants, having met the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071 and completed the Post-Doctoral experience, be approved for licensure upon receipt of payment of the pro-rated license fee:

- **Beil-Adaskin, David, Psy.D.**
- **Belanger, Scott, Psy.D.**

➤ **Requesting Licensure by Waiver of EPPP**

Dr. Santos de Barona made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, and unanimously carried (7-0), that the following applicants, having met the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071.01(A), be approved for licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated license fee:

- **Dalzell, Heidi, Psy.D.**
- **Didrickson, Anita, Ph.D.**
- **Dinehart, Jared, Ph.D.**
- **Fleming, Patricia, Ph.D.**
- **Goldman, Scott, Ph.D.**
- **Tenreiro, Ruth, Psy.D.**

Dr. Santos de Barona announced that the applications of the following individuals also remained ongoing:

- **Asmussen, Sarah, Ph.D.**
- **Davis, John, Psy.D.**
- **Fair, Christine, Ph.D.**
- **Grando, Roy, Ph.D.**
- **Heinz, Tracy, Psy.D.**
- **Lipson, Mindy Beth, Psy.D.**
- **Mitstifer, Meredith, Psy.D.**
- **Nademin, Mahsaw, Ph.D.**
- **Palmquist, Mary, Ph.D.**

4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PROPOSED STATUTORY CHANGE TO EXPAND LICENSURE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS OR LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS TO INCLUDE BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSTS – Dr. Paul

Dr. Paul reported that the Board had received a copy of the “Sunrise Report” for the licensure of Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA). This proposed statutory change would expand licensure of Behavioral Health Professionals. The BCBA’s further suggested regulation through either the Board of Psychologists Examiners or the Board of Behavioral Health Examiners.

Dr. Paul expressed concern in two areas of this proposal. First, how would these professionals be able to generate the income necessary to supplement the administrative costs that would increase to our Board? Second, the BCBA's have an extremely varied educational requirement, as well as the hours of experience/supervision necessary to become certified are not consistent with that of Psychologists. Therefore, it would be extremely difficult for our Board to regulate these professionals. It was the consensus that this profession would need to have a separate Governor appointed Board that were experts in the BCBA field.

Mr. Stuart Goodman, Lobbyist for the Psychologist Board, presented an overview of the Senate Caucus meeting held October 17, 2007. The focus of this meeting was to understand the need for this profession to request licensure, and to determine if there was a State Agency that might have a commonality to be able to house and regulate this profession. Furthermore, to determine how this profession would be able to sustain themselves with no funds available to them at this time. Mr. Goodman stated that in order for such a small group of professionals be able to self sustain themselves, their annual fees would likely to be significantly high, based on research on behalf of similar sized populations seeking regulation in other areas of health related professions.

Dr. Terri Rodger, Ph.D., then spoke on behalf of the BCBA's and stated that this was a growing profession throughout the United States. Although to date, no other States regulate this profession, they believe that with mandating licensure the profession will grow and further build its credibility. Licensure would also provide autonomy, oversight and the protection necessary for the professional to practice and be able to direct bill the insurance company.

Dialog then took place between Dr. Rodger and the Board members where they discussed the expense of regulating another profession; staffing; space; technology; and various other expenses that would arise. A few Board members felt that behavioral analysis is more of a specialty certificate area within psychology, rather than a separate field unto itself, similar to biofeedback.

Mr. Goodman then stated that the Sunrise process is extremely long and that there was nothing for the Board members to decide or vote on today. The purpose of this meeting was only to discuss the issue. The Board wanted to note for the record that they had great concerns for the safety of the public, due to the varied education and supervision requirements. Furthermore, they were not in favor of absorbing any of the administrative costs that the Board would absorb if this profession were to be housed within the Psychologist Examiners office.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Santos de Barona, seconded by Dr. Mellott, and unanimously carried (7-0), to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

**Prepared by:
Meghan B. Hinckley
Deputy Director**

**Respectfully submitted,
/s/Miki Paul, Ph.D.
Chairperson**